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Classified by DCM Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Pol/Econ Chief April 19 delivered Ref A demarche concerning Hamas comments on the April 17 Tel Aviv suicide attack to MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, noting also an item in the April 19 papers reporting news of the April 24 visit to Bahrain of Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister Mahmoud Al Zahar. Shaikh Abdul Aziz confirmed that Al Zahar would visit Bahrain, saying he would meet only with Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. He said the visit was an opportunity for the GOB to deliver a strong message to Hamas "behind closed doors." Shaikh Khalid will tell Al Zahar that it is an absolute must for Hamas to condemn terrorism. Just as Hamas denounces Israeli actions against Palestinians, Hamas should denounce Palestinian aggression against Israeli civilians. Now is the time for Hamas to step up to its responsibilities to govern. Shaikh Abdul Aziz said Shaikh Khalid would also deliver the three Quartet conditions on engagement.

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